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REMARKS

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1. Eight jet fighters with swept-back wings were seen in the southeastern section of the Brandis (N 52/E 31) airfield on 18 December 1950. *

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*** Visibility was about 500 meters. The ground was frozen but not covered with snow. A jet plane was towed to the hangars by a tractor. About 15 soldiers were near the parked aircraft. No motor vehicles or guard personnel were seen except for two sentries who were stationed on the southern edge of the field.

2. It was observed for the first time that the road running along the western edge of the field stopped just north of the turn off toward Brandis. A hedge ran east of and parallel to the road. The runway extended up to the hedge and terminated in asphalt taxiways about 10 to 15 meters wide running both to the north and south. *** The further course of the taxiways could not be determined.

* Comment. One fighter regiment is believed to be stationed in Brandis. Most of the aircraft are usually parked in the hangars.

*** Comment. For layout of airfield, see Annex. The runway has not been extended beyond the Polenz-Machern road. The information that taxiways start at the western end of the runway and extend to the north and south is received for the first time. Previous reports indicated that only one taxiway ran from the western end of the runway to the hangars on the northern edge of the field.

1 Annex: Brandis Airfield.

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